



FEE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY FORM

Parks & Recreation Department

Return Completed Forms to:

Admin Office 2221 Pacific St Bellingham, WA 98229 Office: 360-778-7000 Email: Parks@cob.org	Arne Hanna Aquatic Center 1114 Potter Street Bellingham, WA 98229 Office: 360-778-7665 Email: Aquatics@cob.org
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The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department offers a \$200 per person annual scholarship to those who qualify and reside within Bellingham City limits. The scholarship funds can be used to register for Parks and Recreation and Arne Hanna Aquatic Center programs. Funds are valid for the calendar year, and applications can be submitted anytime. The department begins accepting applications for the following calendar year on November 1.

Primary Account Holder (18+):		
Address: <small>(No PO Boxes)</small>	City:	Zip:
Primary Phone:	Alt Phone:	Email:

List household members requesting funds:		
First and Last Name <small>(Include Primary Account Holder if requesting funds for self)</small>	Birthdate	Approved? <small>(Office use only)</small>

Eligibility Criteria—Check applicable boxes

- Free / Reduced School Lunch
 Income Level
 TANF Benefits
 DSHS Respite Care
 Supplemental Security Income
 Foster Child
 Basic Food / SNAP Benefits

I certify that all of the above information is accurate and all information is reported.

Primary Account Holder Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Eligibility criteria verified: _____	Bellingham Resident Address verified: _____ <small>staff initials</small>
Approved: _____ Year(s) _____	Denied: _____ Denial Reason: _____
Staff: _____	Supervisor: _____ Date: _____



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We're committed to providing access to recreational programs. Once approved, each household member receives a maximum scholarship of \$200 for use on Bellingham Parks and Recreation programs. If you need support in your application process, please contact our offices.

Requirements:

Reside within the city limits of Bellingham, Washington. Proof of physical address within Bellingham city limits must be provided. PO boxes will not be accepted. Unhoused applicants are eligible to apply, please contact the department for application support;

AND

Household members listed must meet at least one of the Eligibility Criteria. Documentation for eligibility criteria must be dated within the last six (6) months.

Eligibility Criteria:

Free/Reduced School Lunch: Families who receive free or reduced lunch benefits under the [USDA Federal Lunch Program](#) are eligible. Submit the approval verification from the Bellingham School District. Contact the Bellingham School District Food Services at 360-676-6504 to request a copy if you have lost your original notification.

Guidelines found here: www.fns.usda.gov/cn/fr-021622

Supplemental Security Income (SSI): Individuals who receive SSI benefits are eligible. Provide benefits letter as documentation.

Income Level: Submit copies of your last three (3) earnings statements as proof of income. Household income must be under 185% of the [Federal Poverty Level](#). Alternative income verification sources include a recent IRS W2 form or letter from a case worker.

Guidelines found here: aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines

Foster Child: Foster children qualify for scholarships regardless of foster family's household income. For proof of eligibility, submit a letter from the child's caseworker stating the child's name and that the child is a ward of the state.

Basic Food / SNAP Benefits: Submit your approval verification from DSHS. Contact DSHS at 877-501-2233 to request a copy of your verification letter if you lost your original or it's dated more than six months ago.

TANF Benefits: Submit your approval notification letter from DSHS. Contact DSHS at 877-501-2233 to request a copy of your verification letter if you lost your original or it's dated more than six months ago.

DSHS Respite Care: Individuals receiving respite care must submit a letter from DSHS.

NOTES: Not all programs qualify for scholarship use. Programs not eligible will be identified as such in the class description or at the time of registration. Scholarship funds cannot be applied retroactively.